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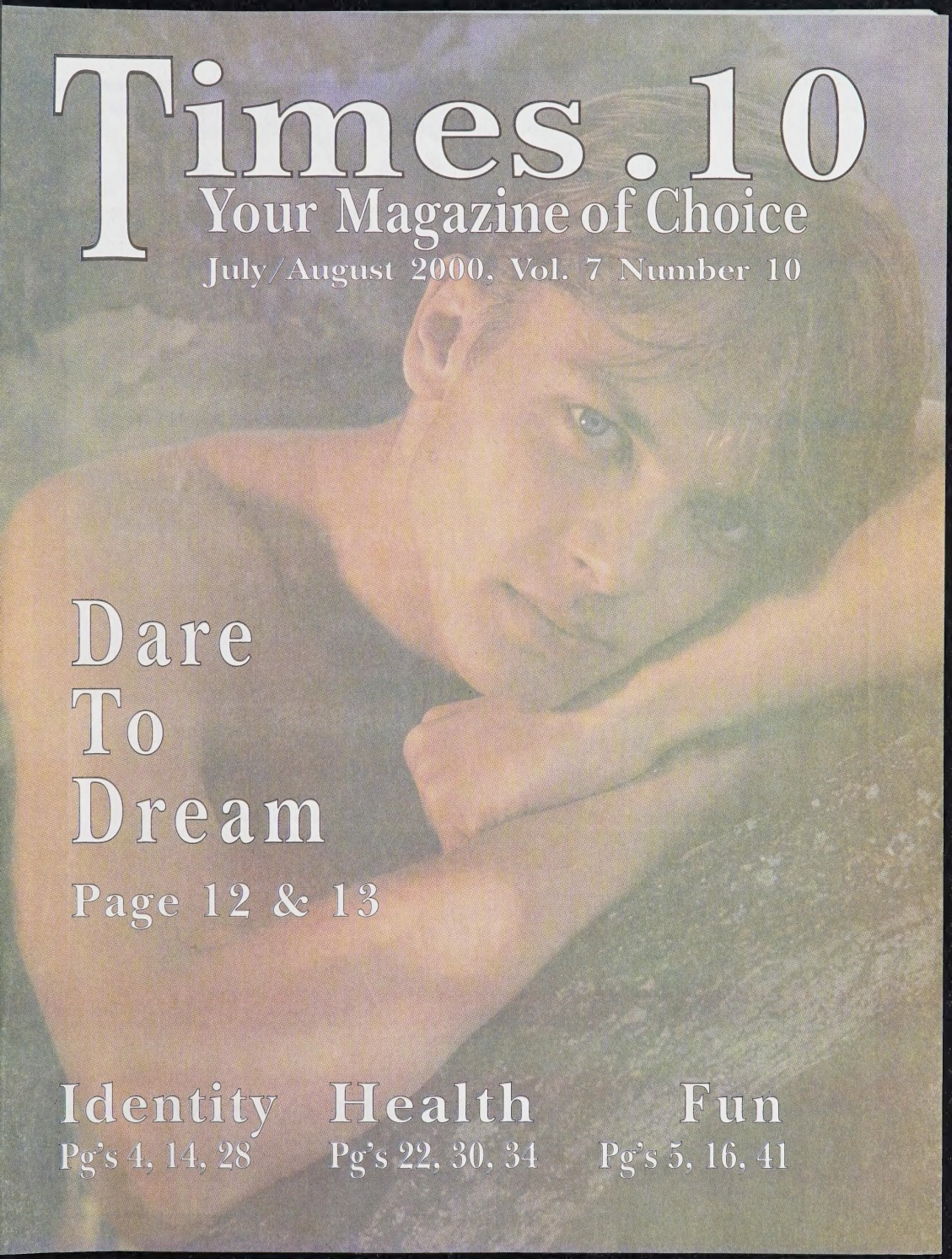

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Guest Commentary

Society's Litmus Test

By Warren J. Blumenfeld

I believe that one of the litmus tests by which a society can be judged is the ways it treats its animals, for this is often a reflection of how it treats its citizens. In this connection, I have long held that homophobia (prejudice and discrimination directed against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people), with its attendant gender-role expectations, hurts everyone regardless of sexual or gender identity.

This was given a new twist recently when I learned of a 58-year-old Florida man who fatally beat his pet dog by hitting it over the head with a vacuum clearer wand and then smashing it with great force into a tree. According to the man, he did this because it was "a queer-type dog" when it apparently engaged in sexual activity with another male dog. The dog subsequently lapsed into a coma and was put to death.

How well this mirrors hate-motivated violence against anyone in our society who in any way "violates" prescribed gender-based roles. Almost every week we hear of brutal and senseless attacks, so-called "gay bashing," in our schools and on our streets targeting anyone who acts or looks "different." For example, two men bludgeoned to death Billy Jack Gaither—a thirty-nine-year-old gay man in Alabama—with an ax handle and tossed his limp body onto a pyre of burning tires. Brandon Teena, a female-to-male transgender person, was gang raped and eventually murdered by two men in Nebraska. And Matthew Shepard—a gay college student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie—was pistol whipped by two men who shattered his skull and left him tied to a fence. He died six days later.

And these are only the more high profile examples of hate-related violence directed against anyone (human and non-human) who appears "different," for the perpetrators of these injustices live in a society that promotes intolerance against those who do not conform to a "mainstream" norm of humanly-constructed notions of gender expression.

The litmus test I alluded to indicates that our society is saturated by a great pollution called homophobia (one among many forms of oppression), which falls upon everyone, human and non-human alike, much the same as acid rain. For some people, spirits are tarnished to the core, others are marred on the surface, and one is completely protected. Therefore, we all have a responsibility, indeed an opportunity, to join together to construct shelter from the corrosive effects of gender-role conformity while working to clean up the homophobic environment in which we live. Once sufficient steps are taken to reduce this pollution, we will all breathe a lot easier.

Warren J. Blumenfeld is editor of Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price, and the International Journal of Sexuality and Gender Studies, and co-author of Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life

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HIV Edmonton's HIV/AIDS Walk 2000

Update

Jocelyn Crocker, HIV/ AIDS Walk Assistant

The HIV/AIDS Walk 2000 is rapidly approaching and as the Walk Assistant, I am happy to report that planning and organizing for the event is well on its way. We aim to have our brochures printed before the end of July, so make sure that you keep your eyes open for them. We hope that by the beginning of August, Edmonton will be beset with colourful posters and pamphlets that can be used to register anyone as a Walker.

The Walk will be held at Kinsmen Park on Sunday, September 24th. There will be free coffee, food, and entertainment. This year we are hoping to have as many different performers/ demonstrations as possible to represent Edmonton's diverse community. We're looking for musicians, actors, singers, dancers, jugglers, magicians… etc. etc. If you are a performer, and would like to volunteer your skills, contact the HIV/AIDS Walk Office at 488-5742. The HIV/ AIDS Walk could not exist without our excellent volunteers that help us in so many different ways. If you are interested in participating in the Walk, don't hesitate to give us a call.

All of the funds raised for the Walk go to support four main agencies: HIV Network of Edmonton Society, Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society, Living Positive, and Interfaith Center for AIDS/HIV Resources and Education (formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS). The Walk enables these agencies to provide services including prevention programs, education programs, and care/support for Albertans infected and affected by HIV.

This year has also seen a number of changes in the event day program. The most obvious of these is the addition of a new event to the Walk: the Red Ribbon Run. It is hoped that this Run will draw in a broader audience in addition to the people who participate in the Walk. So, for all you exercising types, HIV Edmonton challenges you try to the Red Ribbon Run on for size! The Run will be a 10-kilometre race in the river valley beginning at the Kinsmen Sport Centre before the Walk starts. We would like to encourage everyone to come out on September 24th and support the work that is being done in your communities.

The HIV/AIDS Walk Office can be reached at 488-5742. The Walk Co-ordinator (aka "The Big Kahuna") Kari, and the two Walk Assistants Jocelyn and Lisa can also be reached by email: events@hivedmonton.com. On behalf of HIV Edmonton, I invite everyone to come out and participate.

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- Youth & HIV (September 14, 1-4:30 pm)
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- Mental Health & HIV Risk (September 19, 1-4:30 pm)
- Women and HIV/AIDS Conference Summary (September 13, 1-5 pm)

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Capital City Politics

Heavy Handedness

By Laurie Blakeman
Liberal MLA - Edmonton

As most of you know, the 4th session of the 24th Legislature has finally wrapped up. This last session was a particularly bitter one with the fight against Bill 11 – the so-called Health Care Protection Act – standing out in most people's memory. Despite enormous opposition, the government passed this bill with an alacrity that many found alarming.

Alberta Liberals played a major role in being your voice in the Legislature on Bill 11. During question period, Alberta Liberals asked over seven hundred questions of the government on health care and debated the issue for hours. Still, the government just didn't listen. Instead, it reacted in a heavy-handed manner, invoking closure and shutting down debate.

The heavy-handedness did not end there however. Debate on Bills 18 and 19 – the Alberta government's flat tax plan – was also shut down. As you may recall, Bills 18 and 19 will reduce taxes, but for the most part, the tax savings will be applied to the wealthy elite. The 4% of the taxpayers in Alberta who will get 31% of the tax break. Alberta Liberals were vocal about this unfairness, and again the government didn't listen.

By comparison, the rest of the Bills tabled in this session were incredibly lacklustre, demonstrating little vision. It becomes obvious to me that the Klein government has simply lost its way, signalling to me at least, that it's time for a change.

Rosies and Pink Slippers

I had the marvellous opportunity to participate as a "celebrity" judge during the Gay Pride days parade here in Edmonton. Of course, the highlight was being able to pin "Rosies" on participants in the parade and handing out "Pink Slippers" to the best floats. I was particularly impressed with a group of young people dressed in the colours of the rainbow, celebrating the wonderful diversity of this community. They really deserved a "Rosie" for embracing the sentiments of Gay Pride day.

If you have any ideas or concerns on this or any other pieces of legislation, please call or write to me with them. As your representative, it is important that I have a sense of what you are feeling on these issues. You can mail letters to

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An Introduction

By Brian Mason – ND MLA

Even brand new MLAs get a lot of opportunities to go after the Tories!

It's only been a few weeks since the voters of Edmonton-Highlands gave me the privilege of representing them in a by-election, but I've already been busy speaking out on important issues.

For example, while natural gas prices skyrocket, hammering Alberta homeowners, the government does nothing except sit by and collect billions of dollars of extra revenues while families and individuals shoulder the load.

Just recently I called on the government to take action and to cap natural gas prices at $3/ gigajoule, saving average homeowners over $12 a month and even more in the winter.
This cap would be paid for by

charging slightly higher royalties to producers of natural gas on gas that is exported out of Alberta. In other words, those profiting the most from high prices would be the ones who would pay for a break for Albertans.

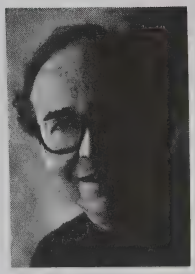
The New Democrat proposal must have caught some ears in the Premier's Office, because the very next day, the Premier said there was a need to address the problem of rising gas prices. And, of course, there's always health care.

With their devastating result in the Edmonton-Highlands by-election, the Tories know that health care is their Achilles heel. Their answer is to try to buy back its credibility with more funds for health care. They've already announced a new Children's Hospital in Calgary and extensive renovations to Edmonton area hospitals.

While it's clear the Tories are not motivated by a commitment to Medicare, but to political expediency, the extra funds for health care are certainly welcome.

The problem is that this is exactly what the government should have been doing right from the start. Instead of ramming unwanted private health care legislation through the Legislature, the government should have been rebuilding and strengthening the public health care system.

The Tories got that message from the Highlands by-election and I'm going to make sure they keep on hearing it until the next general election!



Fun....and Looking Ahead, 2001

Pride Week 2000 was FUN! I had a really good time at a number of the events during the week. It is hard for me to believe after all the planning and work for the week, that Pride 2000 in Edmonton is over! Although it was fun recently to watch some of the coverage of the Pride Parade in Toronto and to admire all that they do, I was struck with how much we do here in Edmonton and how much more fun it is to actually be **part** of a parade than to watch it on TV.

Like most readers of Times.10, I was not able to attend every event but did take part in the Cabaret at Orlando's, The Pride Dance, Business Fair and Pride Awards at the Citadel, the Open House at GLCCE, the Steve Walker dinner, and of course, the Edmonton Vocal Minority's concert. (I was there as Tinky-Winky, but that's another story!) But most fun for me was the Parade! Even with the threat of rain, I estimated that the people in the parade were more than last year and the numbers viewing the parade along the route were many, many more than 1999. And the creativity was fabulous—the rainbow girls, the youth twirling the rainbow flags, and the 'Anne of Green Gables' lesbians! The floats, the queens, the music and yelling all made for a festive afternoon and I got to ride in a convertible and give my queenly wave to the appreciative crowds. What a celebration and what FUN!

Now it is time to move onto 2001! Pride Week 2001 will be from Saturday June 16 to Saturday June 23, 2001. On Saturday the 16th, the Parade will again kick off events, probably at the same location and the same time in the late afternoon. It is also likely that the final event will be the dance on Saturday the 23rd of June. It is never too early to plan and choose dates, so if you are interested in organizing a Pride event, get going now. The Pride 2000 Committee will meet in September to elect the 2001 Committee and will be looking for volunteers, so if you want to take part, watch for the Pride 2001 announcements and join in helping. I am looking forward to 2001, as I am sure that Pride 2001 will be even more exciting and colourful than this year!

Other Notes Remember that July 1, Canada Day, is the Silly Summer Parade in Old Strathcona on Whyte Avenue. Its theme is 'flower power' and I will be there as a big petunia!

On Saturday August 12, Edmonton's most colourful and soulful festival will kick off with the Cariwest Parade on Jasper Avenue, downtown. I have a new costume this year and I will be stunning! Come down and join the fun.

(For questions or suggestions, contact Councillor Michael Phair at 496-8146 (office), 496-8113 (fax), or by e-mail michael.phair@gov.edmonton.ab.ca

Dare to Dream *or* Walk the Talk

I sometimes almost think that eyes have ears:
This much is sure, that, out of earshot, things
Are somehow echoed to the pretty dears...
Lord Byron

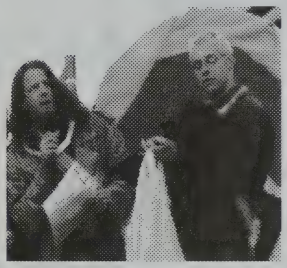
By Dennis Cambly
Managing Editor

By now everyone should have had a chance to pick up a few hours of sleep since the Pride Festival is over for this year. We have a few media folk that we have a few words of thanks to here at Times .10 Magazine. Thanks go to Vue Weekly for their coverage of events during the week and those that were sponsored by Times .10. To the Edmonton Journal for giving us a much needed boost and not using stereotypical images that are often used to describe the gay and lesbian community. The letter from the Mayor caused quite a bit of activity. We will also give a few points to the Edmonton Sun as they did actually mention some of the events.

In early May, Times .10 Publications Society agreed to put together the Pride Program and that ended up taking over 100 hours of volunteer time. We also assisted the Pride Committee by making up for the $500.00 shortfall on funds to produce it. Many thanks to Shane for taking over 12,000 copies getting them distributed all over the Capital City.

All of those involved around Times .10 were very busy promoting our Festival since October, 1999. We were out to have some fun and the New Attitudes community group had a terrific time putting together the float for Times .10. Even though they almost froze along with the gang from the Buddy's float while waiting for all the announcements to end they still had fun. (According to the weather channel our temperature was about +2 C in the wind).

Thanks go out to all the gay men and 2 lesbians who came out to support the Movie Night. We didn't know that CJSR and the Gay and Lesbian Centre were busy promoting Lesbian Night at the Sidetrack Cafe on the same night, or we might have cancelled or changed the date for the event. We are grateful to Jasper Cinema for taking numerous hours to get the films. Anyone have any idea how much Sidetrack contributed to our community or are did they just take advantage of the festivities? They told us at the Sidetrack that they made a "killing" that night. Since the ultimate "right wingers" at CJSR did not have the decency to do the pre-arranged interview with Steve Walker, we were surprised that common courtesy did not exist at CJSR or Gaywire. If you want a very clear example of what I am talking about please read the News from GLCCE in this issue.



We had been working on getting Lynn Lavner in for the beginning of the week and have Steve Walker end the week. However, Lynn was not available due the dates that had been set down for this year. We decided to go with Steve, as he is a Canadian who has now gained worldwide recognition for his portrayal of the gay man. It worked out great and Steve had fun and made some new friends here at the several events that took place to show his work. People soon figured out that he was a real party man and his rather fast pace kept people on their toes. Thanks to Rob Allen and all his friendly staff at Cafe de Ville for putting up with us on the Thursday night. The crew from CFRN got to meet Steve before De Ville and a lot of laughter came out of the interview. Thanks to CFRN for being courteous and on time for our out-of-town guest. Steve had never been out to Western Canada for a show and he commented that the people here were friendly and liked to party.

You will find a number of colour pages in this issue from pictures taken by Times .10 Publications Society and friends, of the Parade and other Events that took place during the week. Marsha, Mike, Scott, Stan (or Stan and Scott) managed to get us both film and digital images for this issue and the Internet Edition. That added up to over 500 pictures taken during the week. The Internet Edition of Times .10 will have several "scrapbooks" you can access from our Website. There is a scrapbook called "covers" which shows you the variety of covers used by us since back in 1993. The scrapbooks link will be on the main index and will appear shortly.

It was a great time at Secrets listening to Yvette. She is always a contributor to many

events in our community over the years. You must listen to her if you have not already done so, as she is a truly fine singer and musician. Thanks to everyone at Secrets for the fun night! Meanwhile over at Boots a group who had been working for several months put on Chicago. They worked all week long for months and people had a good time. Over at Buddy's, Northern Titans did the "Solstice", an event that is popular with the Leather crowd and an event that everyone found entertaining. There are pictures of all these events in this summer edition.

Here is a suggestion for anyone that might be involved in the festivities for 2001. How about incorporating the Pride Committee into the Edmonton Pride Festival Society? As a Non-Profit Society, you would maintain a stable group of community members over a selected term. In that way, good talent would not go wasted (or get burned out) and your thoughts would include some wisdom from people who have worked on

prior events. It would also prevent any one group from attempting to be the "only" connection to information. In the new digital world, that is not even a remote reality. It is time to realize that 1970 was fun and now it is time to get over it! Its time has come and gone. Every community group and business should have complete information at all times to answer phone calls or e-mail about the activities. Many businesses are open long hours and I know that the phones are ringing all the time, along with customers asking questions. Look around at other communities and their groups in the Capital City. You will find that those who are successful are those who do not horde information but disseminate it to everyone in every means possible.

In an attempt to share information, we have created a Community Calendar on our Website. It is a free service and you can let people know what your group is doing or if your business is holding a special event. Not everyone is on the Internet but it is a way of reaching out to those who are, and those who sit alone at home on their computer wondering how they might get out into our community. We are reaching thousands of people every week so it is another way of getting the information out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can find us at www.times10.org on the Internet. The calendar will be updated every night with any new information. Thanks to Wil and Mickey, you will also find the new Pride Pages 2000 on the Website. You can read them page by page on-line or download the file onto your hard drive.

Since this is our "Summer" issue, we will be back at the end of August and start into our 8th year. We have been doing this since 1993 and have every intention of continuing our volunteer work as the only independent gay and lesbian print media in the greater Edmonton area. In fact, there is no Corporation behind our name, so, make that all of Alberta.

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The Maureen Irwin Award recognizes the exceptional contributions by a lesbian to Edmonton's community. The 2000 Maureen Irwin Award recipient is Janet Campbell. Janet has a long history of quiet and ardent support and involvement with numerous Edmonton organizations including Womonspace, The Edmonton Vocal Minority Choir, HIV Edmonton and the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton. Her activism has raised the profile of people with disabilities in our community, and her

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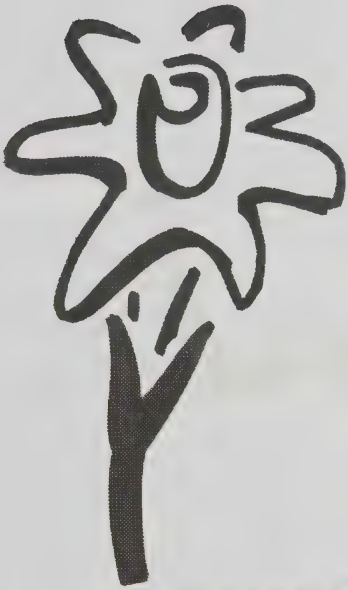

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A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

Arctic FrontRunners
We are a group of gay and lesbian runners, that meets on Sunday mornings for a run on the river valley trail system. We are a recreational group and runners of all speeds are welcome. The length of our runs varies from about 7 to 10 km. We yak, laugh, and socialize during the runs and often go for brunch together afterward. During the spring, summer, and fall we meet beneath the electronic sign at 87 Ave and 114 St on the University campus at 11:00 AM. For more information call Bill at 436-7892.

AXIOS - Edmonton
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Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Edmonton PFLAG/T promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at GLCCE. For information contact Lynne at 462-5958 or e-mail: pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca.

Edmonton Prime Timers
We are a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their younger friends over 21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches, and dining out. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, Ron by e-mail at mercury@planet.eon.net, or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association (ERBA):
Gay men and Lesbians in business and our non-gay friends; Join us ...share your business knowledge, learn more, make new friends, network ... in positive, proud space where being yourself is the norm. Call Bill Faulkner for more information 422 6207. Call for information on our BBQ on Sept 14, or our general meetings. Membership $25.00/yr.

Edmonton Vocal Minority
Women and men of all sexual orientations dedicated to sharing and preserving the cultural heritage of the queer community. Everyone is welcome to join this mixed voice choir as either a singer or a support member. Come and sing your pride! For information: Telephone: (780) 479.2038, E-mail: evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca, on the web at: http://www.planet.eon.net/~toocute/evm/, or write to PO Box 12091, Main Post

Office Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2.

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]
Equal=Alberta [Edmonton] is a group of concerned citizens working to ensure gay and lesbian Albertans remain protected under Alberta's Human Rights Legislation and to ensure equal treatment for all Albertans. Call: (780) 488-3234 Fax (780) 482-2855. By Email: equalalberta@hotmail.com or visit our WebPages: http://www.edmc.net/glcce/equal.htm

Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society
The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta. Through education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. Volunteers are very important to us. If you can help, or would simply like some more information, call 488-5773

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association
The Association aspires to provide opportunities for our community to play volleyball in a supportive atmosphere. 1) C-Recreation - contact Rick at 474-6785; 2) Beach (summer) - contact Rick at 474-6785; 3) B-Intermediate - contact Darcy at 425-7316; 4) Tournament - contact Andrew at 435-9379. Email: ftb.volleyball@telusplanet.net. Website: http://www.telusplanet.net/public/aschust/ftb.htm

Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (G.L.C.C.E.)
The Centre provides services for the general public related to the concerns and interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people including peer counseling (drop-in or phone), library, workshops, discussion / support groups, and information referrals. For information: phone 488-3234; WebPages http://www.edmc.net/glcce/ or e-mail glcce@compusmart.ab.ca. Drop-in hours: Monday through Friday, 7 to 10 PM.

Gay Men's Wednesday Coffee Evenings.
At 7:30 p.m. Café on Whyte at 10159 - 82 Avenue. This group fosters a safe, comfortable environment for all its participants. At the same time, it discourages attendance solely for sexual relations. Join us to relax, share experiences, and establish friendships. There is no age limit. Tel: 780-463-2098 (Graham) E-mail: gwatts@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca. Website: http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Castro/5598

Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC)
GMOC is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV among men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on GMOC workshops and other activities, please call Robert at (780) 488-5742

Gaywire
Edmonton's only radio show about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered lives airs on CJSR FM88.5 Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m. Featuring news, local and international features and community events.

Guys Going Dancing
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HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)
HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at mail@hivedmonton.com. Visit our Website at http://www.hivedmonton.com.

Illusions Social Club
A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club. Our mailing address is Box 1852, Edmonton, T5K 2P2; or phone 488-3234 on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person.

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose
The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations, which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is: wildrosecourt@yahoo.com. Visit our Website is at: http://www.geocities/wildrosecourt

Interfaith Association on AIDS Edmonton
The purpose of this association is to sensitize local faith communities and their leaders to the unique spiritual and emotional needs of those infected by HIV/AIDS. The following faith communities are included: Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Roman Catholic, Temple Beth Ora, Ukrainian Catholic, Unitarian and United Churches. Phone 448-1768 for more information. Email: mail@hivedmonton.com.

Lambda Christian Community Church
We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Church) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p. m.

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Liatris Society

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information see http://www.edmc.net/glcce/liatris.htm or contact liatrissociety@hotmail.com or William at 474-7328.

Liaison Committee, The
In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

Living Positive
Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counseling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: livepos@connect.ab.ca.

Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter
We are an International organization for Gay-Asians and non-Asians. We are the worlds largest with chapters in 28 cities and 11 countries. Come and Join US! Contact us via Graham at 463-2098.

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton
We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call Mette at 461-5571, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: luthconc@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)
Making Waves Swim Club is open to all that have an interest in swimming at any level: learn to swim, stroke improvement or competitive training. We will not be swimming during July or August. Our first swim practice of our 2000/2001 season will be Saturday, September 10th at a new location, Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Avenue, Sundays from 7 - 8:30 PM and Thursday evenings at a time to be announced. Contact us at: 1.Website: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm. 2.E-mail: makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com 3.Phone: Warren 780.497.8511. 4.Attend a practice - your first swim is free!

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)
We are a local church within the denomination of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Our major focus is to the defranchised of society. The UFMCC allows anyone to feel a part of the Christian Community and to claim our place in God's Universe. Services will not be held from June 15 to mid-September.

New Attitudes
We are a group for those of you who are In their mid-20's to mid-30's. We are here for socializing, meeting people, and just having fun. We do a coffee evening every third Sunday. Anything we plan to do is done on that night. We meet at The Urban Grind (10124-124st @ 7pm). It is an evening of relaxed chatting, and good coffee. We welcome any men or women who would like to join us. Please feel free to come on down for a night of conversation and Friendliness. E-Mail us at: g_mw_edmonton@yahoo.ca.

Northern Chaps
Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established over sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. Our E-mail address is: Northernchaps@telusplanet.net

Northern Titans
Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Saturday at 5:00pm, September to April, at Reds in West Edmonton Mall. For more information, please call Garry Billett at (403) 426-6311

Outdoors Club
Have you an an interest in backcountry hiking/camping? If so, the Outdoors Club is for you. Our purpose is to get people together for hiking/camping trips, primarily within the Rockies and surrounding area. Although the main focus of this group is on individuals of moderate (and higher) ability within the 20 to 30 age group, it is by no means exclusive. For information please contact Brian at 430-0759 or e-mail: glb_outdoors@hotmail.com

OUTreach
OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus, main floor of the Athabasca Hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by E-mail: outreach@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

Team Edmonton
Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

Yours Mine Ours And Us
Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz

at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service.

Youth Understanding Youth
We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input email: yuyedm@hotmail.com

Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton
We are an open, liberal religious community that values diversity and celebrates our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Ave, Ph. 454-8073. For more information call Mike at 482-6582.

Womonspace
We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town or phone 482-1794. Visit our Website at http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/.

Writers Club
There are several successful gay writers in Edmonton. Many more write as a hobby just for the fun of it. The goal is to establish a Writers Club, which will encourage and support the serious writers of the future, and at the same time increase the pleasure of the hobbyists. The Writers Club meets biweekly on Mondays from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. For further information, location and the next meeting date contact Graham 463-2098 or e-mail: gwatts@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Regional Organizations

Freedom Fort McMurray
A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual & Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

Grande Prairie
Gay and Lesbian Community Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3
E-mail: pellerin@gprc.ab.ca

Northern Rainbow Youth
A support group for High School students. Our email address is nry13_18@hotmail.com. Any high school student can get more info by contacting their school guidance counselor. If you want more info yourself, then you can call Crystal at (780) 790-0775 at work.

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Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279
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A View from the Top

Northern Chaps

CHAPS IS BACK

After a long hiatus, Northern Chaps, Edmonton's original leather and fetish club, is back in the public eye. Things have been quiet lately, but this year's executive plans to bring Edmonton's leather and fetish community back into the community with a bang.

This year's Executive is Marsha Black, Empress XVIII and past executive of Northern Chaps, Jason Tarrant, member of VLA and Northern Chaps, Scott Bryen, Mr. Alberta Drummer 1994 and past executive of Northern Chaps, and finally Geoff Williams as past executive advisory member. Jason Tarrant will be moving to Vancouver this summer and Jim Alexander, past executive Northern Chaps, B.E.A.R.S. executive and videographer extrodinaire will be taking Jason's place on the executive. This is a broad range of talents and we are very hopeful that the community will support our efforts as they have in the past.

A couple of changes have been put into effect. We now meet at Buddy's Pub on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month and our executive would be glad to see you out on those nights. The response so far has been great, but we would welcome any new or old members to come out and show Edmonton how extensive the Leather Community in this city actually is.

On the go right now is our membership drive. We are trying to contact as many of Edmonton's leather and fetish community as possible to "build the ranks". There is no charge for membership. The membership list is merely a contact list for upcoming events.

This year during the last Saturday of Pride Week, Northern Chaps hosted an evening of fetish and fantasy called "Black Solstice" at Buddy's Pub. Many of us remember these evenings with some very fond memories and this year's Solstice was no exception. Pictures from the event can be found at our Website at the address listed below. Also at our new Website, you can find our latest newsletter with listings of upcoming events.

If you need further information, we now have a resident web site hosted by Marsha Black at www.sandmproductions.com/northernchaps and our email link is also at this site. Yours in Leather Scott Bryen

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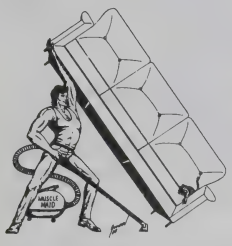

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Pride Awards

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honesty and keen sense of humour have made her a tremendous asset to the many organizations she supports.

The Sheryl McInnes Award recognizes excellence in scholarship and academic work, to the benefit of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender lives. It is named in memory of the Edmonton scholar whose work focused on feminism and gender identity. The 2000 Sheryl McInnes Award winner is Garrett Epp, professor of English at the University of Alberta. Garrett has taught at the University of Alberta since 1988, primarily in the fields of early English drama, medieval English literature, queer theory, and contemporary gay theatre. His award was accepted by John Plews.

The Pride Awards have never recognized outstanding work by a business in support of our community. The 2000 Pride Awards committee has decided to name this award hereafter as The Larry Sand Award in memory of the co-owner of The Front Page magazine store - itself an ideal example of a community supportive business. The Larry Sand award will recognize outstanding contributions by a business to our community. The first Larry Sand Award is presented to The Staff, Management and Owner of The Roost Nightclub

Kathy DaSilva is recognized with a Pride Award for her work as an ally for youth as a high school science teacher with the Edmonton Public School Board.

Bert and Evelyn Frey are recognized with a Pride Award for their years of work for the inclusion of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people in Christian denominations.

Anne McLellan, The Minister of Justice and Edmonton MP. For her work for the passage of Bill C-23

Graham Watt is recognized with a Pride Award for his work as an organizer of social and support events for gay men and as a supporter of many community groups. Graham works to create welcoming spaces for men, through his Gay Men's coffee group, as well as writing, movie going and dancing groups.

Kris Wells is recognized with a Pride Award for his work on behalf of youth, within the Alberta Teachers Association and with Safe and Caring Schools. He was an organizer of the 2000 Diversity Conference.

The Making Waves Swim Club is recognized with a Pride Award for their very successful 1999 - 2000 season, and for their encouragement of fitness and fun.

Yours, Mine, Ours and Us, the Parents' Support Group, is recognized with a Pride Award for providing a needed environment for the support of gay and lesbian parents and families.

Youth Understanding Youth, Edmonton's Gay Youth Group is recognized with a Pride Award for creating a safe and supportive environment for Edmonton's youth.

Speaking Of Normal

By Liz Massiah, MSW, RSW
Registered Clinical Social Worker

(With Gordon Portman)
Editor and award winning playwright

For the Quiet Changers

Change comes in lots of ways. So does Pride. Some of us stand on the steps of the legislature, speak to the press - some don't. Some of us walk in parades, receive awards - some don't. I'd suggest that lots of us don't ... but I'd also suggest that there are lots of ways the "don't" folks are, in fact, "do" folks. They just "do", they show their pride, in quieter ways.

I'm talking about folks who create change by being who they are, in all parts of their lives, all the time. I'm talking about people who have grown into a place of being an uncle, an aunt, a friend, a parent, a teacher, a sports-man or woman, a hard worker, a survivor of abuse, a beloved, an anything, and lesbian or gay or bisexual or transgendered, AND proud of *everything* they've become. I'm talking about people like my partner, Anna Hanschar.

When Anna came out, years ago, she went to her work colleagues one by one and told them individually 'something important that you should know and hear from me directly". She then got taken into her boss's office to discuss how the Director of the program should be told "her news", and sat back in her chair and wondered why it was "news", and why it needed to be told to the Director, and later had several work colleagues who were upset by "her news" and would not speak to her for months, except when they had to. But then when the most silent one left several months later, she gave Anna a big hug and said how much she would miss her. And meant it. So much for "the news" making such a big difference.

Anna had her work colleagues demanding the phone number for the Premier to call in support of the Vriend decision.

Anna took me to her staff Christmas party last year and we danced the night away.

Anna has no patience for the closet. "Get over yourself" is what she is most likely to tell folks. One friend, a professional, was hysterical about maybe being outed when a former partner got involved in public life: Anna suggested that her clients really were not that interested in her love life, just in her professional skills.

Anna is angered by people who, now retired, won't access spousal benefits "in case someone finds out". Deal with your shame, she says. Strong, quiet words. Creating huge impacts on folks. Daily, everywhere.

Sound like anyone you know? If it does, take a second or two in this season of Pride to remember the Annas in your life: their dignity, their influence, their gentle power. Remember the truth in their actions, not just the truth of who they are but the truth that while we march and dance and laugh and cry and celebrate, pride lives and grows within. When it is within, nothing dulls its shine. And that is where much of the change we're experiencing these days is coming from ... bit by bit, person by person, day by day.

Of course we need the parades. Of course we need the edges to show. Of course we need the people talking to the press or speaking at the legislature. Let's be sure to remember them as well. But without the quiet ones, without the worker bees, the Queens would not survive. And without the Queens, the worker bees' efforts would come to naught.

A special thanks for all the Annas in the world for showing us a different kind of pride.

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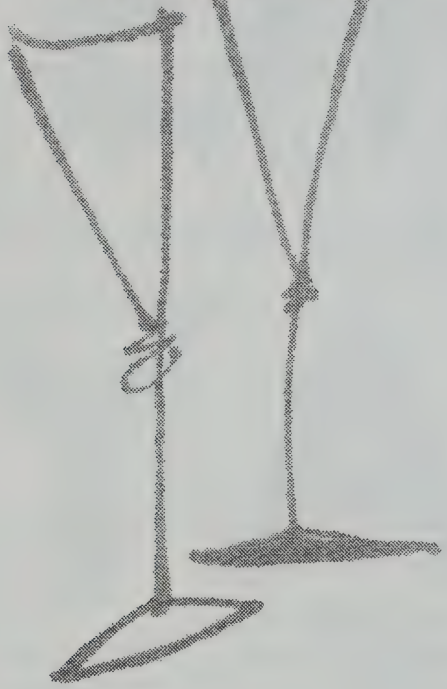

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My Monthly Neurosis

By Rob Browatzke

Life is politics, I realize that. And even though I've only been back in Edmonton for a year, I have begun to understand somewhat the personal and professional politics that have such an impact on relationships between people, businesses, events, etc., etc., in the gay community. And this was never so clear to me as it was during Pride Week. To me, it seemed politics took Pride Week, devoured it, and spat it out. How pretty.

The parade was wonderful, colorful, dynamic, empowering. Everyone seemed to enjoy him or herself. The weather held, the crowd was enthusiastic and supportive. And you know what, with such a fantastic start, maybe it makes sense that eventually something had to start going wrong. By the time the floats coasted into Oliver Park, I could see the card house trembling in the breeze.

Just the typical little catty digs at first. The only real politics at play right then were the results of competition. That sort of business politics I can understand. We do live in a capitalist slaughterhouse after all, and we are ready to kneel at whatever altar or kiss whatever butt in order to make that next dollar. And maybe it was just stupidly naïve to think that for that one week, maybe profit wouldn't matter as much as working together, businesses and people, to put on a party the likes of which this town hasn't seen in years.

It would be possible, you know. Instead of McDonalds and Dairy Queen both having a burger sale on the same night, they could spread them out. That way, instead of splitting the crowd, they could share it, share the profits, and wouldn't seem quite so petty. For that one night, you could walk into Dairy Queen without hearing the hottest gossip about McDonalds. For that one week, maybe the McDonalds Fry Guy could have a meal at Dairy Queen without being made to feel bad about supporting the competition. Throw Burger King into the ring, and you've got three contenders for that burger crowd. In a week of seven nights, that could be two nights per joint, with the last night leftover for, oh I don't know, maybe a really fabulous meal put on by all the restaurants working together.

I know how naïve that sounds. It doesn't even take into account that there are grudges and resentments between people underneath all that business stuff. These personal politics are even more pervasive than the professional ones. Years ago, Fred and Bill had a fight over the last ounce of sambuca in the bottle, and still today, they can't forget that. Years ago, Jack and Jill went up that hill, and even though Jack did all the work, it was Jill who got the credit for that pail of water. Small wonder that Jack won't shop at Jill's new chain of Evian stores. Small wonder that Bill won't do shooters with Fred anymore. But you know what, this baggage that all resurfaced during Pride Week is getting tired. We've seen the luggage you're lugging around, and it's not that pretty. Maybe it's time to get a new suitcase. Can't bygones be bygones, rather than still interfering with everyone getting along? Isn't Pride Week the one bloody week of the year that we're all supposed to come together, to revel in our diversity? To celebrate the fact that in the past 30 years, the gay community of Edmonton has come so far and achieved so much? To just have a really good time?

I know lots of people that had a wonderful Pride Week, from the parade right up to the wonderfully successful dance that ended the week with a bang. I know a lot of people are going to wonder what I'm talking about when I say that for this one little boi, politics really detracted from the rainbow flags and coming out anthems. But don't you think that if everyone would just manage to LEBEN UND LEBEN LASSEN, live and let live, it could've been so much better?

It's getting tired. Click your heels together three times and just let it go. It's the one week we're all supposed to be in Oz. Don't let Kansas get in the way.

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From Kristy Harcourt

Down at the Community Centre, we're all recuperating from Pride Week, and what a week it was! Congratulations to everyone who showed her pride at the parade, the dance or wherever. You are a beautiful sight! Check out our Pride Week photo gallery on the GLCCE WebPages.

As many of you know, GLCCE has been soliciting input about the future direction of the Centre. Thanks to everyone who shared their input and ideas during our open house. If you have input about what you'd like to see us doing, contact our board.

One of the results of recent input and surveys have been the development of a Transsexual / Transgender support group - meeting twice monthly - and a new weekly women's night. Starting July 13th, Thursday evenings will be women's night at the centre. Women are welcome every night, of course, but on Thursdays the Centre will always have women as counselors and hosts. We're kicking off this project with a screening of the recent HBO special "If These Walls Could Talk 2". Thanks to Amanda, one of GLCCE's outstanding volunteers, who has taken on this project.

So far, the idea for the women's drop ins is to have a regular social outlet for women. These may be film nights, speakers, discussions, host readings and live music. The limit is your imagination. If you are interested in volunteering at the Centre as a host, or taking the training to become a counselor, give me a call (afternoons at 488-3234).

GLCCE is gearing up for two big events this summer. Our annual garage sale will be timed accordingly for KlonDyke Days on Saturday July 29th. We welcome your donations of great pre-owned stuff, and would love to have volunteers for the event. Also, we have our major fundraiser "The Curtain Rises" - a huge dance and community showcase on September 9th at The Citadel Theatre. For more info about either of these, call the Centre or check out our WebPages at www.edmc.net/glcce.

Thanks to everyone who has donated books – GLCCEs resource library is bursting with an outstanding selection of new books. As always, here is our summer library wish list:

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The Nest

Hello again, hope you all had a festive pride month. I sure did. Now we have come to our July /August issue and after all the PRIDE celebrations, we all deserve a short break. We were OUT in all our gay glory showing our colours rather merrily and in record numbers no less. We all should give ourselves a big pat on the back (is anyone over 18 that flexible anymore- I'm sure not). As we all know, THE NEST is our youth section of Times.10 magazine and it's for gay and lesbian youths aged fifteen to twenty five to write to. This is your chance to be heard:.. so take advantage of it. The Nest is growing in size, popularity, and respected recognition with every issue. The world cares what we have to say, so let's say it, shall we? I want MORE poetry, short stories, articles (about anything pertinent to gay/lesbian youth) and your artwork. I am here to see that you are heard with some respect, and that you get published. For those of you who know me, to see me, come say "hello" when you see me around town. Remember that I want your feedback, ideas on how to make The Nest even better, as well as your written works. Any questions, comments, and of course to send me your submissions, e-mail me at times10@v-wave.com, attn Morgan. The Nest, or drop by www.times10.org and visit us at Gay Youth.

Take care, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Morgan D. Refshauge

Whispers

whispers echo in my ears
of moments ago...
moments with you

time stands still
hollow and winding
until it has overlapped
itself...
it is now four hours later...
and I'm still talking to you

there are no doubts
no moments of confusion
the first trustworthy feelings
to pass through my heart

eternity twines itself around
my knowledge
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serenity

you and I belong
we have drifted until we
collide

now there is no undoing

close your eyes
Kristy

I'll name him
Petrie

built a lover
with stolen rocks
from my neighbour's driveway.

he still had more
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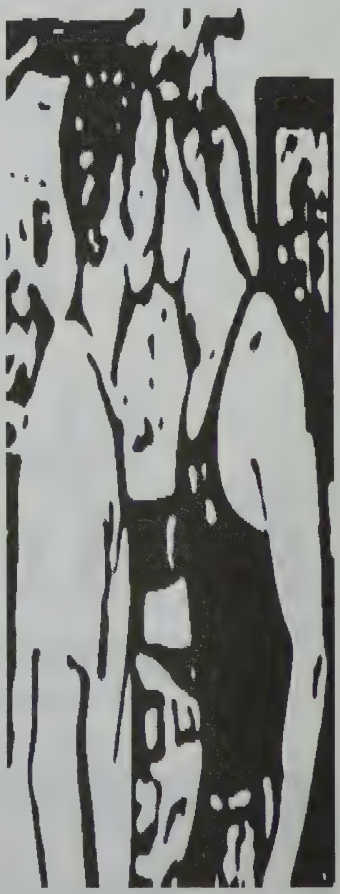

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As the hours go passing by
Sitting in contemplation
Ask the age- old question "why?"
The days pass in reverse
And time stands still
What you did last week
Is in tomorrows memory pill
And the summer sun
Freezes the spiritually meek
Until we stand still
With such great speed
The human race becomes a blur
"don't blink"
we tell the gods
"you'll miss us" running
circles around the heavens
as we nap lazily upon the beach
warmed by the moon in the heat of night
The phone with no dial
Calls up a friend
And the alarm clock whistles
Announcing the dreams end
But to my surprise
Just another dream
The floor is water take a swim
I drink of your daughter
As you lay with him
Sing to him softly
Compare ME to THIS summer's day
Lovely?
Temperate?
How are
The darling buds of May?
The summer here, it lasts so long
In a heartbeat it is gone
Enjoy the days, long steamy nights
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I hear the call
Of wint'ry chains
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Breaking Away

By this time, the majority of you have probably seen the gay mini-series *Queer as Folk* being played on Showcase. Anyone who has seen it will probably know that the show is filmed in Manchester, in the United Kingdom. Our curiosity getting the better of us, we decided to hunt down some people that have been to this city in order to find out if gay life there is actually what it appears to be, and to find out what else it has to offer.

Given the population of Manchester, approximately 2.5 million, the size of the gay and lesbian community is actually quite large. Large enough to be home to a world famous gay village known for the most part as Canal Street. Canal Street is really just the centre of the village. Surrounding streets such as Princess, Whitworth, Sackville and Bloom also house much of the gay and lesbian activity in the city. Of course, Canal Street was not always the ghetto. The street saw its beginning as the location for pubs used by workers building the Rochdale Canal. It was only within the last decade that area found its status as the gay ghetto. A bar known as Monto opened its doors as the first groundbreaking gay bar, setting the stage for the opening of more than a handful of gay and lesbian clubs, restaurants, and apartments. Those looking for a very exciting nightlife will definitely enjoy the gay village of Manchester. But keep in mind that during the summer months, the area is literally packed with people, both inside and out.

Of course, the gay life of Manchester is not the only thing that draws visitors to the city. There are plenty of other attractions, not necessarily gay and lesbian specific, that you will want to see. For starters, the city is not famous only for its gay television mini-series *Queer as Folk*, but also for a soap opera that anyone that grew up with CBC will surely remember: *Coronation Street*. Tours of the soaps shooting location are available daily at Granada Studios, located in Castlefields. Castlefields, a tourist attraction in its self, is an area located close to the ghetto, and can be reached easily by walking along the Rochdale Canal. Sights to see in the area also include Urban Heritage Park and the worlds oldest Railway Station.

If you are interested in a night of theatre or performing arts, try The Manchester Opera House, The Royal Exchange Theatre and The Palace Theatre. Other sites not to miss include the Gallery of English Costume, The Manchester Cathedral, The Manchester Museum, The Town Hall and Chetham's Library and School of Music. Pretty much all of Manchester's attractions in the downtown area are within walking distance. The average walking time from one end of the cities centre to the other is only about fifteen minutes. Also try the Ghost Walk (a walking tour of Manchester's surreal side) or The Ale Trail (a tour of the cities pubs).

It is doubtful that you will get bored of Manchester, but if you do, keep in mind that London is only a 5 hour drive away. Oh, and speaking of driving, I must remind you to be sure to look to the right when crossing the street. It'll take some getting used to, but you'll get the hang of it soon enough. Besides, there is always the Metrolink, a fairly extensive tram system that runs every six minutes ad will take you pretty much anywhere you want to go.

From the feedback of others that have visited the city, we found out that Manchester does acurately live up to its reputation for offering an exciting and intense gay lifestyle. But we were told to keep in mind that even though the Ghetto is obviously the predominantly gay area of the city, it is becoming more and more popular with the straight community. Many see this as not being a problem at all, while others view it as an invasion of what belongs to the gay and lesbian community. In reality thought, it really isn't the focus of many problems, and the charm and atmosphere of gay and lesbian life is still felt as strong as it ever was in the area. It is said to be a great destination for a gay man or lesbian, and a definite must see for anyone already planning a vacation in the UK.

Okay, so now is where we must make an apology. In our last months column about Vancouver Pride, we made a couple of errors that we feel we need to retract. When we mentioned Numbers, we said that it was a levi and leather bar. In reality it is not. While Numbers is a great club, those into the levi leather scene would be better off checking out Chuck's Pub on Saturday night. In regards to Celebrities, it has temporarily closed its doors, with an undecided re-opening date. We also wanted to make mention of the city landmark Royal Hotel Bar, which is said by many to be the place to be on Friday nights... for gays from all walks of life. Our biggest mistake, however, was that we forgot to mention the cities lesbian clubs. We have always tried to provide equal information for both gay men and lesbians, but somehow, we missed mentioning The Lotus or Uncle Charlies Heritage House; both great choices for the lesbian community.

We are sorry if this misinformation confused anyone, and are just glad that we were able to correct our mistakes before any of you head off to Vancouver for their Pride Celebrations this August.

Well, we would like to wish you all a great summer, especially those of you that will be venturing out of Edmonton over the next couple of months. We hope it's the vacation of a lifetime.

Travel Trivia - How many cities in the world are officially named Manchester?

Answer - Thirty-six. Thirty-one of these are located in the US, of course we have one in Ontario, and the other three belong to Suriname, Jamaica and Bolivia. Oh yeah, and I guess we shouldn't forget about the one in the UK.

Jacy Dobrich &
Roberta Gabelmann

Womyn's Volleyball League

By Andrew Schuster

The Free to Be Volleyball Association has been in existence now for over five years. Steadily over the years there has been a growing interest for a womyn's only volleyball league. The co-ordinators of the association believe that there is now sufficient interest to now realize this dream. A league co-ordinator (Jenn) has stepped forward, the gym application for the fall has been submitted, money is being raised for league balls, notices are going out to the community and names are being collected.

The organizational structure of the league will develop as players join and help to guide the league. Although a few guidelines have been set, all leagues of the association are self supported, meaning funds to cover the cost of gyms come from the league members. This will mean something between $30 to $60 per year depending on the number of players that participate. The year will run from October to May according to availability of the gym. The Free To Be Volleyball Association endeavors to provide opportunities for the lesbigay community of Edmonton to play volleyball in a safe and supportive environment. This principle will be expected to be maintained.

Looking even further in the future, there have even been discussions of a womyn's only volleyball tournament in Edmonton. Possible this could be held in conjunction with the existing Ice Breaker Tournament held the second weekend in November. There are lesbigay volleyball tournaments in virtually every major city in North America, but none that I know offer a womyn's only division. The main reason being a lack of willingness to organize the events. I don't accept that premise. I personally know of womyn's teams in Victoria, Calgary and Winnipeg. I'm sure there are other teams in these and other cities. If we can get ourselves organized, it would be very exciting to host these womyn's teams in our fair city at a tournament.

What we need now is a show of interest and commitment from Edmonton's womyn volleyball players. If you are volleyball inclined, send an email to ftb.volleyball@telusplanet.net. Let us know that we are doing the right thing and that you will try to participate if you can.

To keep track of the Free to Be Volleyball Association, drop by the association WebPages at http://www.telusplanet.net/public/aschust/ftb.htm. Details of womyn's league will be posted under leagues as they are known.

You and Your Funny Bone..:)

Ricky the Rooster
A farmer has about 200 hens, but no rooster and he wants chicks. So, he goes down the road to the next farmer and asks if he has a rooster. The other farmer says, "Yeah, I've got this great rooster, named Ricky; he'll service every chicken you've got. No problem."

Well, Ricky the rooster is a lot of money, but the farmer decides he'd be worth it. So, he buys Ricky. The farmer takes Ricky home and sets him down in the barnyard, giving the rooster a pep talk, " Ricky, I want you to pace yourself now. You've got a lot of chickens to service here and you cost me a lot of money and I'll need you to do a good job. So, take your time and have some fun," the farmer said with a chuckle.

Ricky seemed to understand, so the farmer points towards the hen house and Ricky took off like a shot ~WHAM~ He nails every hen in there THREE or FOUR times and the farmer is just shocked. Ricky runs out of the hen house and sees a flock of geese down by the lake ~WHAM~ He gets all the geese. Ricky's up in the pigpen. He's in with the cows. Ricky is jumping on every animal the farmer owns.

The farmer is distraught, worried that his expensive rooster won't even last the day. Sure enough, the farmer goes to bed and wakes up the next day to find Ricky dead as a doorknob in the middle of the yard. Buzzards are circling overhead.

The farmer, saddened by the loss of such a colorful animal, shakes his head and says, "Oh, Ricky, I told you to pace yourself. I tried to get you to slow down, now look what you've done to yourself." Ricky opens one eye, and looks towards the buzzards flying overhead and say's, "Shhh. They're getting closer...."

The Experimental Drug

"Doc, you've gotta help me! My wife just isn't interested in sex anymore. Haven't you got a pill or something I can give her?" "Look, I can't prescribe..." "Doc, we've been friends for years. Have you ever seen me this upset? I am desperate! I can't think; I can't concentrate; my life is going utterly to hell! You've got to help me."

The doctor opens his desk drawer and removes a small bottle of pills. "Ordinarily, I wouldn't do this. These are experimental; the tests so far indicate that they're VERY powerful. Don't give her more than ONE, understand? Just ONE." "I don't know, doc, she's awfully cold..." "One. No more. In her coffee. Okay?"

The guy expresses gratitude and leaves for home, where his wife has dinner waiting. When dinner is finished, she goes to the kitchen to bring dessert. The man hastily pulls the pills from his pocket and drops one into his wife's coffee. He reflects for a moment, hesitates, then drops in a second pill. And then he begins to worry. The doctor did say they were powerful. Then inspiration strikes — he drops one pill into his own coffee.

His wife returns with the shortcake and they enjoy their dessert and coffee. Sure enough, a few minutes after they finish, his wife shudders a little, sighs deeply and heavily, and a strange look comes over her. In a near-whisper and a tone of voice he has never heard her use before, she says, "I...need... a man..."

His eyes glitter and his hands tremble as he replies, "Me... too..."

Two Statues
There were two nude statues, man and woman, standing across from each other in a secluded park. A few hundred years after they've been put in place, an angel fluttered down to them. A wave of his hand, and suddenly the statues had been given flesh, and they step down from their pedestals.

The angel said, "I have been sent to grant the mutual request you both have made after hundreds of years of standing across from each other, unable to move. But be quick—you only have fifteen minutes until you must become statues again." The man looked at the woman, and they flushed, giggled, and run off into some underbrush. An intense rustling came from the bushes, and seven minutes later, they both come back to the angel, obviously satisfied.

The angel smiles at the couple. "That was only seven minutes—why not go back and do it again?" The former statues look at each other for a minute, and then the woman said, "Why not? But let's reverse it this time—you hold down the pigeon, and I'll shit on it...."

Three Blondes
A Guy is having a drink in a very dark bar. He leans over to the big woman next to him and says, "Do you wanna hear a funny blonde joke?" The big woman replies, "Well, before you tell that joke, you should know something. I'm blonde, six feet tall, 210 lb., and I'm a professional triathlete and bodybuilder. The blonde woman sitting next to me is 6'2", weighs 220 lb., and she's an ex-professional wrestler. Next to her is a blonde who's 6'5," weighs 250 lb., and she's a professional kick boxer. Now, do you still want to tell that blonde joke?"

The guy thinks about it a second and says, "No, not if I'm going to have to explain it three times."

The Butler Did It !
A wealthy couple had planned to go out for the evening. The woman of the house decided to give their butler, Jeeves, the rest of the night off. She said they would be home very late, and that he should just enjoy his evening.

As it turned out, however, the wife wasn't having a good time at the party, so she came home early, alone. Her husband had to stay there, as several of his important clients were there. As the woman walked into her house, she saw Jeeves sitting by himself in the dining room. She called for him to follow her,

and led him into the master bedroom.

She looked at him and smiled. "Jeeves," she said. "Take off my dress." He did this carefully. "Jeeves," she continued. "Take off my stockings and garter." He silently obeyed her. "Jeeves," she then said. "Remove my bra and panties."

As he did this, the tension continued to mount. She then said, "Jeeves, if I ever catch you wearing my clothes again, you're fired!"

Bad Memory

An elderly couple was suffering memory problems. They went to the doctor and the doctor says: "Well, you are not ill but suffering from memory loss caused by age. You know what: Just write down everything so you will not forget". The elderly couple thanks him and return home. The same evening they are sitting and watching TV and the woman asks her husband to bring her some ice cream. The guy stands up and starting to go to the kitchen. The wife says: Hey Write It Down like the doctor says. So he says: What, for ice-cream??? He went into the kitchen and come out 10 minutes later with fried eggs and toast. The woman takes a look and says: "I TOLD YOU TO WRITE IT DOWN. THERE IS NO BUTTER ON THE TOAST."

Can you believe it...

Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while, one guy looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland." The other guy responds proudly, "Yes, that I am!" The first guy says, "So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other guy answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am." The first guy responds, "Sure and begora, and so am I! And what street did you live on in Dublin?" The other guy says, "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town." The first guy says, "Faith & it's a small world, so did I! And to what school would you have been going?" The other guy answers, "Well now, I went to St. Mary's of course."

The first guy gets really excited, and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?" The other guy answers, "Well, now, I graduated in 1964." The first guy exclaims, "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self."

About this time, another guy walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer. The bartender walks over shaking his head & mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight, the Murphy twins are drunk again."

Final Thought

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Becoming Ourselves

Just Kidding?

By Shawn Mooney

"If you can't say anything nice," Olympia Dukakis says in *Steel Magnolias*, "come sit by me." This line—my favorite in the film—often lip-syncs its way out of my mouth during playful queer banter.

Discourse between gay men often includes sarcastic jibes and put-downs; joking insults seem to be part-and-parcel of our interaction. One friend loves calling me and everyone else a "skank", giggling with such glee I worry he might pee himself. We all know our poking fun is just that: inverted affection, all in fun.

Or is it?

While I enjoy the repartee with my long-time gay friends, I've grown to dislike sarcasm from people I don't know well. I remember a conversation one night at the bar with an acquaintance I hadn't seen for years; I was glad to see him, but was soon put off by the way he cut down strangers around us. I did not respond to the bitchy comments he whispered in my ear, yet realized that a decade ago I was in there like a dirty shirt, bonding with him through zinging derision at strangers this way. I politely ended the conversation and walked away.

Not three minutes later, one of the men he had been bad-mouthing came up and introduced himself, thanked me for my piece in *Times.10* that month. We had a brief but meaningful conversation. The irony of this interpersonal segue from snarkiness to authenticity was not lost on me.

Lest I sound sanctimonious, let me share another story. One night I was out with two of my dearest friends—let's call them Matt and Joey. Matt introduced me to a friend of his. The friend asked Matt about the home renovations he and his lover were doing, and I simpered, "Oh, they're all done with the *house*; now they're renovating Matt's *face*." Joey and I giggled, the other guy looked uncomfortable, and Matt was speechless. Noticing Joey doubled over in laughter, Matt shot him an equally vicious insult.

Debriefing about this incident later, Matt gave me ten points for the great line, but also said my jibe had actually stung. I apologized, recognizing that my insult had been a puny attempt to mask my social discomfort. Matt saw how he had perpetuated the dynamic by insulting Joey to deal with his own embarrassment.

My friends and I still delight in our banter up to a point, but we are becoming alive to the emotional underpinnings and consequences of this way of being together. We are more likely to talk about what's real, bring more of our hearts to the conversation, and keep the playful teasing in its place: as occasional digressions of wit, not the substance of our interaction.

For whatever cultural or psychological reasons, gay men frequently mock each other; far riskier—and more soulful—are the honest, heartfelt words. Your line's a hoot, Olympia, but many of us increasingly choose to sit somewhere else.

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The dates for Pride 2001 are June 16 – 23, 2001, starting with the parade on the 16th, and wrapping up on the 23rd, most likely with a dance. What did you like about Pride 2000? What didn't you like about Pride 2000? We would like to hear what you have to say, and hear your suggestions for Pride 2001. Please send your comments, questions, suggestions to us at edmonton_pride@hotmail.com or at Pride 2001, #6, 10324 – 119 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5K 1Z6.

We will also need your help as Pride 2001 approaches. If you would like to be a volunteer during Pride 2001, or if you would like to be on one of the committees, please email us your name and phone number or send it to the Pride 2001 address, and we will get in touch with you. The Pride Committee's goal is to have at least one representative from the active community groups attend every Pride meeting so our Pride week will reflect the diversity of our community.

There will be a meeting for Pride 2001 to nominate and elect the executive on Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. at GLCCE.

That would be a great time to come and start to get involved. After that our meetings will be the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting in September, at 1:30pm at GLCCE. (If that happens to fall on a long weekend, we will move the date back one week.)

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Travelling is definitely on your mind - fantasizing about far away places. The one thing that may be holding you back is your mate. You may even go so far as to consider moving - ensure that your mate is included!

Taurus April 20 - May 20

Work certainly seems to be a source of stress as you are working a lot. Emotionally, you could be drained. Take some time to recuperate to look good for work as it may cost you. Promotion is in the works!

Gemini May 21 - June 21

There just doesn't seem to be enough time for friends these days. Even though socializing may feel energizing, you may be paying the price in other areas.
You may have to learn to say "no" to some invitations.

Cancer June 22 - July 21

You require a lot of support from your friends these days - which you can rely on. This is also a great time to be working on long range plans - dreams and wishes for your life.

Leo July 22 - Aug 21

There may be some frustrations, difficulties and misunderstandings from others. Problems are surrounding your public image. Maybe now would be a good time to reflect or take time to recharge your batteries.

Virgo Aug 21 - Sep 21

You are feeling revitalized at this time. There is also opportunity to enjoy how you are making money (earn). There may be some tension at home, though, possibly arguments that are unsettling to you.

Libra September 22 - October 21

Communication is highlighted at this time. More socializing is in store for you. You may want to be careful that people don't find you too aloof. Don't be afraid to talk about your feelings.

Scorpio October 22 - November 21

Your beliefs and values are an issue at this time. You may also be rather vocal about them, too. You may also be unwavering at this time preferring to do things your way, particularly at work.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

The focus seems to be on having "fun" with as many people as possible. Lots of activity in the home - you are extending many invitations to your place for romantic encounters. In your busy schedule - don't forget friends - they are important.

Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Your job situation right now seems to be up and down - you are feeling uncertain about the security of your job, which causes you to be more introverted than usual. You will be spending more time at home with one special person.

Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Take care of your health right now. Talking to trusted friends about it may help. You may also be feeling particularly self-conscious at this time. Balance your life by having some fun.

Pisces February 19 - March 20

Relationships are definitely on your mind and if you are not spending a lot of time with that special person - you are certainly thinking and talking about them. You want to be closer to this person but don't rush as it may be more of a life lesson than pleasure.

Suzanne Clark

Sun sign astrology is for entertainment purposes only and does not replace the value of having a full consultation - where astrology truly shines. Do you have any personal questions that you would like answered? Drop me a note at astrolampastrology@hotmail.com. If you are asking about yourself or another, please include day/month/year/city of birth/ and time if you have it.

A meeting for Pride 2001 has been called to nominate and elect the executive on Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. at GLCCE.

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Would microbicidal topical gels and suppositories be effective in the prevention of HIV for gay and bisexual men or men who have sex with men?

By Robert Smith
Health Promotions
HIV Edmonton

We don't know. We don't know because we are not certain that governments and giant pharmaceuticals will make sufficient funds available for the testing. If and when they do make more resources available, are they going to promote the necessary trials on men who practice anal intercourse with other men?

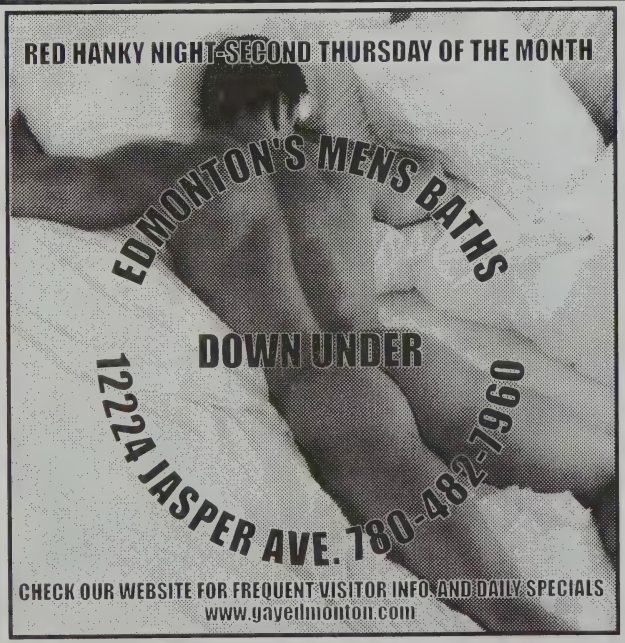
What is a microbicide? A microbicide is a gel, cream or suppository that can be inserted into the anus or vagina before intercourse. It is hoped they will be effective in the reduction of HIV risk by killing, microbes, bacteria and viruses in semen and other bodily fluids. **Caution: microbicides are not being advocated as a replacement for the male condom.** The safe use of microbicides for anal (male or female) or vaginal intercourse has not been clinically established.

So what is the delay in testing. The Canadian government has designated $350,000.00 to a study at Laval University aimed at women, but researchers and health promoters feel that this is not enough. In the United Kingdom, a survey conducted by British scientists and researchers noted that 30 pharmaceutical companies said that they would not get involved with microbicides unless they were guaranteed a $1 billion global market.

What is the importance to the microbicide to men? They don't replace condoms, they may never be as effective as condoms. In fact, it is recommended that microbicides be used in conjunction with condoms.

Some men do not have the skills or power to negotiate safety in their sexual relationships. For these individuals, microbicides could be very instrumental in the prevention of HIV and other STIs. Men who are living in abusive relationships with other men, men who are financially, psychologically or emotionally dependant on other men and/or depend on their partner's assurances of fidelity, or men who have more than one sexual partner on a regular basis but do not favour condoms, all might benefit from such products.

But we need more information. We need the testing to be done. We need to pressure the Ministers of Health both federally and provincially to release more funds for these trials. We need to convince the giant pharmaceuticals to think about the social global benefits of these products beyond their bottom line. We need to insist that men have a right to the type of protection that these products might offer.



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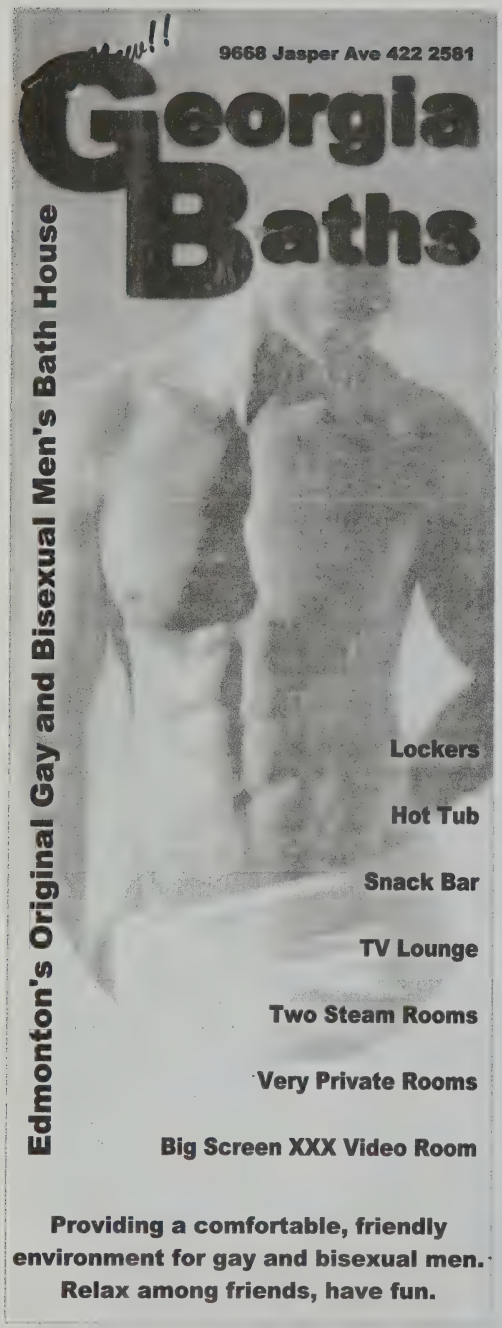

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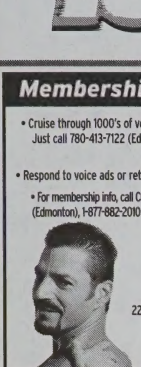

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just friends

Box 2455: I'm Jason, 57", 140lb, dark brown hair with blond highlights, looking for friendship right now, maybe more later on.

Box 2463: I'm an 18 year old bisexual, looking to see if there are any guys out there who are 20 or under, who might be interested in meeting up, becoming friends, and maybe more depending on what happens.

long term relationships

Box 2696: I'm Kevin, 21, 185lb, blond hair, nice green eyes, nice personality, good heart, intelligent, funny. Looking for somebody who is a good soul, who stands out, about my height and weight, 28, but if you're a little older that's ok. You're a giving person and fun to be with.

Box 2306: I'm 34, 160lb, dark hair, hazel eyes. I live out of town and get into the city about 2 or 3 times a month. I haven't been able to meet anybody. I'm looking for a relationship, whether it's just friendship or something more. My interests are walking, biking, sporting activities. I like theatre as well as having a quiet night at home.

Box 2390: I'm a young looking 25, gay male. I'm 5'9", 125lb, short dark hair, brown eyes. I consider myself to be a very honest, outgoing guy who loves to talk and is also a very good listener. I am also someone who is willing to learn and try new things. I am recording this ad hoping that Mr. Right will hear it if he is still out there. I am looking to meet another gay male 18-26 with a slim, smooth build, but more importantly someone who is honest, outgoing, open minded and into some of the same things I'm into. Some of them include camping, long walks, music, tattoos, going out to diner, movies and hanging out with friends. I also think that cuddling on a couch with a good movie or CD playing would be the best thing ever.

Box 2456: I'm handsome, 35, looking for younger guys under 30 who have a head on their shoulders and can think for themselves. Cute is always nice but that's not necessary and you must have a brain as well. If you are comfortable with who you are then I would probably get along with you no problem. I have a wide range of interest that include the opera, literature to art. I can even listen to that band "Bad Religion" without getting a headache. If you have a bit of a sense of adventure and not based in the bar scene 24 hours a day and like the outdoors and have a range of interest. Perhaps we should talk, maybe get together and have dinner and see where it goes from there.

Box 2457: Are there any hot horny, young guys out there, 18-22, that would like to move in with me and have some fun. Rent would be free.

Box 2461: I'm an average, easy to look at guy, 6', 180lb, blue eyes, moderately hairy and blond and yes, blondes do have more fun. I am warm and passionate and I am looking for a top man who would love to spend time going to shows and making love; taking walks and going to bed; travelling, but not too far cause I need lots of adventure along the way. Actually, I would just like to find a nice guy to help make an average guy like me and my average life something more than average. If you're the man, I'm waiting to meet you with baited breath.

Box 2477: My name is Chris, I'm placing my ad in this section for the first time. I am looking for a longterm relationship, not a one night stand. I'm 26, 6'2", 175lb, athletic build, nonsmoking. I don't drink. I'm a big kid at heart, I love arcades, comic shops, toys stores, stuff like that. I'm looking for the same but heavyset, 250lb or more, between 5'8" and 6'3". This sounds like you and you are clean-shaven, nonsmoking.

Box 2488: I'm somewhat discreet in my lifestyle. I would like to meet someone for a longterm friendship. I'm 5'6", slim side, 130lb, 5-1/2" cut, would like to meet someone around the same size, that way anyway, on the slim side would be nice. If you are also looking for quality time with a good friend, that's what I want.

Box 2510: I'm a 34 year, 127lb, fit, looking for someone to be friendly with. Perhaps develop some type of relationship. I've been recently separated from my wife. I love dance music, going out, movies. I look younger than 34, well-dressed, short bleached blond hair.

Box 2521: I'm a young, 22 year old, gay Native male, 5'9", 165lb, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, 32" waist, smooth chest, clean-shaven, looking for a white male, 22-40, who is very open-minded, lots of outdoor activity, sports, movies, dinner.

casual encounters

Box 2550: I'm looking for somebody younger than I am. I'm 49, good-looking, well-built, I'd like to meet someone who is compatible with me for casual encounters. I have brown hair, dark brown eyes, white skin. What else can I say? Everything is there.

Box 2571: I'm looking for a casual encounter with an older male that's at least 8", nice and thick. Clean male, 38, 5'10", 150lb, good-looking, good body, very sexy. I'm a crossdresser. I like to wear panties, training bras, bathing suits. I aim to please, very oral and just love sex.

Box 2585: I'm a 28 year old single, bicurious, Asian male, 5'8", 180lb, consider myself an exhibitionist. I love showing off my cock, love jerking off in public washrooms because it gives me such a great adrenaline rush. I'm looking for a cute, hot guy who is preferably 28 or younger to get together for private, one-on-one jerk off session, or a I can put on a personal jack-off show for you…and believe me, this will be quite a show. I just love to jerk-off with other guys. To give you an idea, some of the crazy things I've done, I've jerked-off on the LRT and in a parking lot. Imagine that!

Box 2589: I'm 19, 160lb, black hair, brown eyes, very cute, open-minded. Interests are biking, camping, dancing, love the outdoors, dining in and out. Pretty much a friendly, interactive person. Looking for other open-minded, creative, spontaneous guys out there.

Box 2596: I'm young, cute. I have a hot sexy body that I love to show off to admiring men. I look hot in bikini briefs or a sexy thong. Love to lie back, suntan, feel your rubbing lotion all over me. Would like to spend some time with voyeuristic men. If you would like to spice up your party, I would love to come over.

Box 2598: I'm 6', 175lb, 7" cut cock. Into oral, a lot of body contact. Interested in someone for a long-term?

Box 2616: This is Andrew, I'm 18, 5'6, brown hair, brown eyes. Looking for a male, same age, for some casual encounters.

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Box 2631: I'm a leather bear, 6'1", 200lb, solid, furry, hot, hairy, hung and handsome, looking for a good time.

Box 2174: I'm 35, heavy set, bottom boy, looking to be trained. Newcomer, 5'7", I weigh about 250lb, 5-1/2" hard cut, and a nice fuckable ass. I'm into bondage, discipline, cock and ball torture, watersports, shaving. You name it, I'm willing to try. I need to be taught, taught to be your slave.

Box 2236: I'm looking for a young man, or boy toy, who is in need of a considerate yet dominant master to serve. You will be at my beck and call, be willing and able, and obey all orders. Be 18-35, slim to medium build, cut, size unimportant, and smooth from the waist up. Me? I'm an old 53 year old, 215lb, 5'9", I have brown hair, brown eyes, moustache, glasses, dentures. Moderately hairy, my equipment is 6", 6-1/2" uncut, and I love to fuck young ass. Think you have the balls to be man enough for this dirty old man?

bears, big men & their admirers

Box 2548: I'm 6'1", brown hair, brown eyes, moderately hairy, 250lb, 50 years old. Into pleasing my partner, being very oral, could be a bottom, and possibly turn into a long relationship. Very discreet and expect the same.

phone buddies

Box 2592: This is Lorne. I like to get off over the phone with other men, and I like to meet other men over the phone. I'm 5'9, brown hair, brown eyes, I wear green contacts once in a while, I weigh 175lb, I'm well built, nice rock hard ass, pecs and biceps, well- tanned, the only part of my body that isn't tanned is my bikini line. I'm looking for another guy who is very discreet, and who likes to chat with other guys over the phone.

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Box 2272: My name is Loren, I'm 5'9-1/2", I weigh 175lb, with a husky build. I have blond hair, green eyes, and I would like someone to be at the other end of my phone line, and to be caring and discreet.

transgender

Box 2660: I'm a 25 year old crossdresser from Grand Prairie area. Looking to connect with anyone who is traveling to Grand Prairie or surrounding areas. Relatively new to this. Never been with a man before. I would like to have been with somebody who likes to dress up as well, if not preferably an older gentleman.

Box 2667: I'm Rick, 33, short dark hair, deep brown eyes, 5'9", 160lb, 6-1/2" cock, cut and looking for transsexuals to get together with. It would be the first time for me so it would be a fantasy fulfillment.

Box 2628: I'm Kyle, 19, male. Looking for a guy to get together with and teach me a few things. I'm kind of inexperienced and bisexual.

Box 2665: I'm Mike, 30, bisexual. Looking for a male/female couple with a bisexual male. I'm 6', 170lb, brown hair and eyes, mustache, and looking for someone transgendered.

Box 2217: My name is Tonya, I'm a very submissive crossdresser, interested in oral, and looking for other crossdressers, or transsexuals, for hot get-togethers.

Box 2532: 19 year old guy looking for TVs. Very horny.

bisexuals

Box 2189: 30 year old, white male, in the St. Albert area, 5'11", 150lb, very slender and toned. Clean-shaven, long legs, nice round tight ass, and very perky nipples that just love attention. I'm a smoker, social drinker, very straight acting and looking, and very submissive and feminine in the bedroom. Looking for an older man in the St. Albert area, someone with his own place who can entertain. Someone who is larger and older, someone experienced, well-endowed. I'm into crossdressing, role-playing, and love very physical hard core sex, even love to be video taped sometimes, that's be a big turn-on. You're at least 40 years old, with a larger build, would like to spend time with a young man, and have fun. Serious inquiries.

Box 2284: Name's Rick, I'm 33, 5'10", 200lb, bi, well actually, I don't know, want to be bi, want to try it. Love to try anything. Like to have fun. Someone like to teach me, or make me do things, I'm into it. My cock's about 6", stocky build.

Box 2309: I'm an attached, bi white male with a 6" cut cock, in my early 50s. I'm 5'11", 195lb, fair complexion with a medium build, I'm clean-shaven, as well as clean and safe. I'm not into any kind of drugs or any type of sexual pain, and I do not enjoy any type of anal sex. Looking to enjoy the company of couples where the male is bi or bi-curious. Or attached males who are 35 years of age or up. I enjoy giving and receiving oral, or mutual masturbation. I enjoy gay, bi, lesbian porn movies. You wish full enjoyment and fulfillment. Discretion is assured and expected.

Box 2353: I'm 27, short brown hair, brown eyes, goatee, crossdresser, looking for a guy that rocks my world, sucks my dick like nobody has before.

Box 2365: I'm a cleancut, masculine, mid-30s guy who enjoys good oral, 5'6", short brown hair. Can entertain, very clean, very very discreet. Can provide a place for someone to come at flexible hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the day, or even into the evening. If you're masculine, cleancut, under 40, enjoy good oral, I'm also a top. Nicely-endowed, and not looking for any head games, not looking for anything that's going to become, shall we say, permanent.

Box 2366: Attractive, masculine guy, early 30s, 6', 160lb, nice lean body, clean-shaven, dark brown hair and eyes, nice cock. Looking for people to have some fun with. Really enjoy couples, really open-minded, clean, safe, discreet.

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